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HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MAP CODE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that though India has a flag code in place, yet there is no map code in place;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to evolve a Map Code in order to avoid its misuse;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): There is no Map Code on the line of a Flag Code in place.Government does not propose to evolve a Map Code since according to Section 2 (2) of the Criminal Law Amendment (Amending) Act, 1990, whoever publishes a map of India, which is not in conformity with the maps of India as published by the Survey of India, shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months or with fine or with both.

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